



STAFF REPORT

December 10, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: VI-A

Consideration of City of Central Point Hazard Mitigation Plan

Applicant: City of Central Point. **File No.:** CPA - 20002

STAFF SOURCE:

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BACKGROUND:

The City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) was last acknowledged in 2011 and needs to be updated in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook*. Periodic re-evaluation of the NHMP is to be conducted at least every 5-years and regular updates to the NHMP are important to assure that the mitigation strategies account for changes in the community as growth occurs and new information is available about hazards and mitigation best practices. It also helps to assure that the mitigation strategies align with the Community vision, values and resource availability.

By keeping the NHMP updated every 5-years, the City of Central Point is eligible to receive non-emergency related disaster funding sources through FEMA, including the following Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Assists in implementing long-term hazard mitigation planning and projects following a Presidential major disaster declaration.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program – Provides funds annually for flood hazard mitigation and planning.
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program – Provides funds annually for hazard mitigation planning and projects.
- HMGP Post Fire Grant – Assistance to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters.
- Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) – Supports states, local communities, tribes and territories undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks from disasters and natural hazards.

Access to these resources can be critical in leveraging limited resources to help protect people and property in Central Point. Additionally NHMP planning implementation helps the City keep flood insurance premiums lower community-wide through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and Planning Commission reviewed the NHMP and provided favorable recommendations to the Council. Following the events of the Alameda Fire in September, the CAC and

Planning Commission members expressed concerns about evacuation routes, clean-up and maintenance along the Bear Creek Greenway, and subdivision development regulations for water supply and gas shut-off valves. Comments from members of the public echoed the concerns about the importance of evacuation routes and adequate water supply throughout the City, including the existing fire hydrants.

During this meeting, staff will review the updated mitigation plan and provide an overview of the natural hazards and the expected impacts to Central Point. Attached is a copy of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes an introduction to natural hazard risks, risk assessments and the hazard profiles for Central Point.

ISSUES:

The primary issue in considering the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify local policies and actions that can be implemented to reduce risk and future losses from hazards. The City of Central Point is subject to a wide array of natural hazards. Although the occurrence and severity of hazards has been historically limited, the City has experienced winter storms, floods and an increasing incidence of wildfires. Hazard mitigation planning is important to understand the characteristics of potential hazards, risks to people, buildings, infrastructure and property and what actions can be taken to lessen exposure to the identified risks before a disaster events occurs.

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for reviewing local hazard mitigation plans and ensuring they comply with Federal standards. Final adoption by a community typically follows approval by OEM. It is anticipated that OEM will issue final approval prior to the meeting, as reflected in the attached resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" –Draft of the 2020 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Attachment "B" – Resolution No. ____

ACTION:

Consideration of Resolution No. ___, the City of Central Point Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and 1) approve; 2) approve with modifications; or 3) deny the application.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. ___, the City of Central Point Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan per the Staff Report dated December 10, 2020.